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ILLEGAL ALIEN PLEADS GUILTY TO RE-ENTRY

LOUISVILLE, KY - **Santos Hernandez-Hernandez**, age 33, of 217 South 46th Street, Middlesboro, Kentucky, in Bell County, pled guilty to illegal re-entry into the United States after having been previously deported, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

Hernandez-Hernandez pled guilty and admitted that on or about May 1, 2007 in Jefferson County, Hernandez-Hernandez, an illegal alien and Mexican National, re-entered and was found in the United States. Hernandez-Hernandez had been deported on September 13, 2005, and did not have approval to re-enter the United States from the Attorney General of the United States and the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, as required by law.

On May 1, 2007, Hernandez-Hernandez was applying for an application to replace his alien registration receipt card. During this application process, it came to the attention of the clerk that Hernandez-Hernandez may have been deported on a prior occasion. At that time, agents with Immigration and Customs Enforcement were contacted. During an interview with Hernandez-Hernandez, he admitted that he was a citizen of Mexico, who had previously been deported from the United States to Mexico on September 13, 2005, near the Laredo, Texas Port of Entry.

The maximum potential penalties are 20 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of no more than three years.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel P. Kinnicutt, and it was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The plea was entered before Dave Whalin, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

Hernandez-Hernandez is scheduled to be sentenced before Chief Judge John G. Heyburn II on September 6, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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